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SUBJECT:NRC INTERIM RESPONSE ON NUCLEAR SAFETY INFORMATION

REF: TOKYO 6886, TOKYO 7016 AND TOKYO 8516

ATTENTION: HENOCK

1. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ADVISES THAT CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY JAPANESE UTILITIES AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN TOKYO 8516, (TOKYO 6886 AND TOKYO 7 16 ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY NRC. DETAILED RESPONSE WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON. AS INTERIM GUIDANCE, NRC REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL PARTIES:

2. NRC WILL NOT PUBLICLY RELEASE INFORMATION CONCERNING JAPANESE REACTORS PRIOR TO CONSULTATION WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT;

3. UNITED STATES LAW PERMITS NRC TO PROTECT, AND NRC WILL PROTECT, (A) TRADE SECRET OR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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4. THE NRC BELIEVES THAT IT IS CRITICAL TO PROTECTION OF THE BDPUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND TO MUTUAL INTEREST OF JAPAN AND U.S. THAT EACH COUNTRY RECEIVE NOTICE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT OF POTENTIAL SAFETY PROBLEMS IN NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS. EACH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST NUCLEAR HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS COULD BE HAMPERED IF ITS ABILITY TO PROMPTLY OBTAIN NECESSARY SAFETY INFORMATION IS IMPAIRED.

5. NRC MESSAGE SIGNED BY H. H. BROWN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND STATE PROGRAMS, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION. INGERSOLL

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